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SEEKING SANCTIONS OF ISRAEL FOR JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS

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1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL (A) POL/ECON COUNSELOR CALLED ON MFA UNDERSEC ABDUL GHAFFAR AND RAISED MATTER OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ISRAELI EXCAVATIONS IN JERUSALEM. HE MADE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL B AND REQUESTED GOE ASSISTANCE IN SOFTENING LANGUAGE IN DRAFT RESOLUTION.

2. GHAFFAR RESPONDED ISSUES RAISED IN DRAFT RESOLUTION "ARE CLOSE TO HEART OF ARABS". HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ANY
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INSTRUCTIONS TO EGYPTIAN DEL TO SOFTEN LANGUAGE OF RESOLUTION

WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM FONMIN FAHMY OR EVEN PRESIDENT SADAT HIMSELF. GHAFAR SUGGESTED THAT MATTER BE RAISED WITH FAHMY WHEN HE RETURNS FROM RABAT. GHAFAR ADDED "THIS IS ONLY WAY YOU CAN APPROACH SOMETHING ABOUT WHICH ARAB COUNTRIES FEEL SO DEEPLY".

3. COMMENT: FAHMY RETURNS FROM RABAT WITH PRESIDENT SADAT THIS EVENING (NOV 2). AMBASSADOR WILL RAISE MATTER WITH FAHMY WHEN HE IS ABLE TO SEE THE MINISTER. OUR OWN JUDGEMENT, HOWEVER, IS THAT EGYPTIANS WILL NOT BE WILLING TO LEAD EFFORT TO SOFTEN LANGUAGE, ESPECIALLY AFTER RECENT RABAT SUMMIT MEETING.
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